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# Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/049,897

Applicant(s)

HUGHES, CLYDE

Examiner

Tan Le

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,6,7,9 and 13-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,6,7,9 and 13-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This is the third office action for application serial number 10/049,897. This application contains 12 pending claims numbered 1-3, 6-7, 9 and 13-18. Claims 4-5, 8 and 10-12 have been canceled.
2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on June 13, 2004 preferring to the previously amendment submitted on March 25, 2004 which has been entered.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1-3, 6-7, 9 and 13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,267,679 to Kamaya et al. in view of US Patent No. 4,121,637 to Jennings.

Regarding claims 1, 6, 7, 9 and 18, Kamaya et al. discloses a carrier mount (See Figs. 1E, 1D or 1A, for example) comprising a pouch (1) having an elongated mouth opening through which an object may be introduced into the interior of the pouch, the opening being narrow relative to the major faces of the pouch; securing arrangement

including a collar (12, 20, 27) having a clamping means; and a closure means for closing the opening wherein the closure means comprises a zipper closure (21).

Kamaya et al. lacks teaching of the collar being expandable and contractible such that it can be loosened to permit removal of the securing arrangement from the frame member and tightenable so that the pouch can be secured in close proximity to the frame member.

Jennings teaches a pouch combined with a resilient flexible spring clip (14), which can be expandable and contractible and can be adapted to retain on a surface or around a frame member.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include an expandable and contractible collar on the pouch of Kamaya et al. for the desirable purpose of easily releasing to permit removal of the securing arrangement from the frame member and easily tightenable so that the pouch can be secured in close proximity to the frame member.

Kamaya et al. also lacks teaching a frame member of an exercise machine where the collar designed to be located around the frame member for securing the pouch in close proximity to the frame member.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have the collar of Kamaya et al. clasp or loop around the frame member for the desirable purpose of simply hanging or suspending the pouch to the frame member since the collar of Kamaya et al. in view of Jennings can be hung,

suspended or fastened to any frame member and capable of locating around the frame member for securing the pouch in close proximity to the frame member.

Regarding claims 2-3, Kamaya et al. as modified also discloses the pouch comprising a flexible material and at least a portion of the exterior of the pouch comprises a water resistant material.

Regarding claims 13-14, Kamaya et al. as modified also discloses the collar being adjustable and tightenable about the object to be tightening and comprising a rigid and a flexible element.

Regarding claim 15, Kayama et al. as modified, also discloses the collar portion being positioned adjacent a wall of the pouch; and the collar being a quick release fastening element.

Regarding claims 16-17, Kamaya et al. in view of Jennings also discloses the pouch having opposed side panels defining major faces and a relative shallow depth; and the opening for receiving the device is provided along the upper most edge of the pouch, and the upper most edge of the pouch being substantially arcuate.

Claims 1-3, 6-7, 9 and 13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,724,791 to McSorley in view of US Patent No. 4,121,637 to Jennings.

Regarding claims 1, 6, 7, 9 and 18, McSorley discloses a carrier mount (See Figs. 2-3 for example) comprising a pouch (12) having an elongated mouth opening through which an object may be introduced into the interior of the pouch, a pouch

narrow width between the major faces; securing arrangement including a collar (42, 44) (Fig. 3); and a closure means for closing the opening wherein the closure means comprises a zipper closure (34). McSorley also discloses a frame member (50 generally) (see also Col. 4, line 13) where the collar is to be located around the frame.

McSorley lacks teaching of the collar being expandable and contractible such that it can be loosened to permit removal of the securing arrangement from the frame member and tightenable so that the pouch can be secured in close proximity to the frame member.

Jennings teaches a pouch combined with a resilient flexible spring clip (14), which can be expandable and contractible and can be adapted to retain on a surface or around a frame member.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include an expandable and contractible collar on the pouch of McSorley for the desirable purpose of easily releasing to permit removal of the securing arrangement from the frame member and easily tightenable so that the pouch can be secured in close proximity to the frame member.

McSorley also lacks teaching a frame member of an exercise machine where the collar designed to be located around the frame member for securing the pouch in close proximity to the frame member.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have the collar of McSorley clasp or loop around the frame member for the desirable purpose of simply hanging or suspending the pouch to the

frame member since the collar of McSorley in view of Jennings can be hung, suspended or fastened to any frame member and capable of locating around the frame member for securing the pouch in close proximity to the frame member.

Regarding claims 2-3, McSorley as modified also discloses the pouch comprising a flexible material and at least a portion of the exterior of the pouch having a water resistant material.

Regarding claims 13-15, McSorley as modified also discloses the collar being rigid, a flexible element and being a quick release fastening arrangement.

Regarding claims 16-17, McSorley as modified also discloses that the pouch has opposed side panels defining major faces and a relative shallow depth; and the opening for receiving the device is provided along the upper most edge of the pouch, and the upper most edge of the pouch is substantially arcuate.

### ***Response to Arguments***

4. Applicant's arguments filed on 3/25/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant has further amended independent claims 1 and 18 and pointed to alleged distinctions between the prior art and their invention based upon amendment introduced into the claims. However, these independent claims and along with other dependent claims still stand reject based on a new ground of rejection as pointed out in the office action.

**Conclusion**

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tan Le whose telephone number is (703) 305-8244. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. through Fri. from 9:00AM – 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leslie Braun can be reached on (703) 308-2156. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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